

Remarks

In the Office Action, the claims 1-5, 8-28, 31-35, 38-46 , and 48-55 are pending, of these claim 1-5, 8-22, 38-46 and 48-51 are allowed, claims 23-28, 31-35, 53, and 54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 5,508,353 issued to Liu et al. ("Liu"), and claims 52, 53, and 55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the finding of claims 1-5, 8-46, and 48-50 as allowable and have amended claims 52 to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 due to the antecedent basis problem with the phrase "one of the phases." Applicants have canceled claim 55.

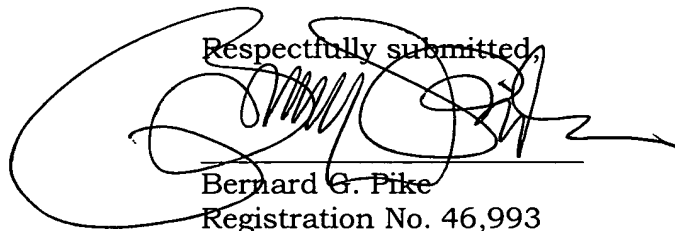
35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

Claims 23-28, 31-35, 53, and 54 stand rejected as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102 by Liu. Applicant cancels claims 23-28, 31-35, 53, and 54 without prejudice or disclaimer, but merely to expedite issuance of a patent with the allowed claims.

Conclusion

Applicants have made a diligent effort to fully respond to the all the issues presented in the Office Action. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in the subject application. If the Examiner has any concerns regarding Applicants' present response, he is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below so that those concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

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